



Idaho City Interagency Hotshot Crew Boise National Forest



ANTHONY (TJ) GHOLSON

PROFILE:

Age: 37 years

Position on Crew: Captain

Ninth year on Idaho City IHC, 16 years as a Hotshot

Previously spent four years as a Smoke Jumper out of Alaska for the Bureau of Land Management



How is fighting fire on your home Forest different than in other regions?

Its no different, whether its in California or Centerville, Idaho. Strategy remains the same: anchor, flank, pinch. We focus on keeping the guys fed, rested, and safe wherever we're fighting fire. We don't take extra risks or precautions just because we're on our home unit.

How has hotshotting changed your perspective on family? I evaluate risk in a more calculated fashion.

One piece of advice to an aspiring Hotshot: Make the most out of every day because you're only young once. This job will suck the youth out of you, but it's worth every second.

TJ Gholson refurbishes his gear after a 14 day fire assignment on the Pioneer Fire.